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Soviet Sale of Austrian Goods
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1. In May 1947 a representative of the Soviet authorities in Vienna offered the
25X1C Austrian export firm [redacted] an opportunity to
purchase goods described in the list given below. Payment was to be made to
the Russian Bank in Austria in free foreign currency (i.e., Swiss francs or
U.S. dollars). The Russians were also disposed to barter manufactured pro-
ducts for meat, butter, cheese, and other foodstuffs of high nutritional value.
Most of the items on this list originated in Austria.

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[redacted] These and many more items manufactured by Austrian firms may
be purchased from the Soviet authorities in Austria. Swiss businessmen are
the principal buyers of this Russian-offered material.)

2. When consultation with the Austrian Ministry of Trade and Reconstruction re-
vealed that transactions of this nature were not legal, the [redacted] firm 25X1C
declined to pursue the matter further.

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